

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 34-42, 56, and 57 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 9-11 and 13-15 and add new Claims 58 and 59 as follows.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

a ~~detection~~ delivery information generation unit configured to ~~detect~~ (a) generate delivery information including a new text inserted in a web page, and (b) determine whether mode information registered in a user information file indicates any of first, second and third modes;

~~a deletion unit configured to delete one or more character strings from the new text, wherein the one or more character strings are registered in a user information file;~~

a first conversion unit configured to selectively convert the new text, from which the one or more character strings have been deleted by said deletion unit, delivery information generated by said delivery information generation unit into a phonetic character string;

a second conversion unit configured to selectively convert the phonetic character string converted by said first conversion unit into synthetic speech; and

a transmission unit configured to (a) transmit the synthetic speech converted by said second conversion unit to a client if said delivery information generation unit determines that the mode information registered in the user information file indicates [[a]] the first mode, [[to]] (b) transmit the phonetic character string converted by said first conversion unit to the client if said delivery information generation unit determines that the mode information indicates [[a]] the

second mode, and [[to]] (c) transmit the new text, from which the one or more character strings have been deleted, delivery information generated by said delivery information generation unit to the client if said delivery information generation unit determines that the mode information indicates [[a]] the third mode.

10. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 9, wherein ~~said transmission unit transmits synthetic speech that represents the delivery information includes~~ a title of the web page to the client if the mode information indicates the first mode, transmits a phonetic character string that represents the title of the web page to the client if the mode information indicates the second mode, and transmits a character string that represents the title of the web page to the client if the mode information indicates the third mode.

11. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 9, wherein ~~said transmission unit transmits synthetic speech that represents the delivery information includes~~ a creation date of the new text to the client if the mode information indicates the first mode, transmits a phonetic character string that represents the creation date of the new text to the client if the mode information indicates the second mode, and transmits a character string that represents the creation date of the new text to the client if the mode information indicates the third mode.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a server, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting generating delivery information including a new text inserted in a web page; deleting one or more character strings from the new text, wherein the one or more character strings are registered in a user information file; determining whether mode information registered in a user information file indicates any of first, second, and third modes; selectively converting the new text, from which the one or more character strings have been deleted in said deletion step, delivery information generated in said generating step into a phonetic character string; selectively converting the phonetic character string into synthetic speech; transmitting the synthetic speech to a client if determined in said determining step that the mode information registered in the user information file indicates [[a]] the first mode; transmitting the phonetic character string to the client if determined in said determining step that the mode information indicates [[a]] the second mode; and transmitting the new text, from which the one or more character strings have been deleted, delivery information generated in said generating step to the client if determined in said determining step that the mode information indicates [[a]] the third mode.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the steps of: wherein the delivery information includes a title of the web page. transmitting synthetic speech that represents a title of the web page to the client if the mode information indicates the first mode; transmitting a phonetic character string that represents the title of the web page to the client if the mode information indicates the second mode; and

~~transmitting a character string that represents the title of the web page to the client if the mode information indicates the third mode;~~

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, ~~further comprising the steps of:~~ wherein the delivery information includes a creation data of the new text,

~~transmitting synthetic speech that represents a creation date of the new text to the client if the mode information indicates the first mode;~~

~~transmitting a phonetic character string that represents the creation date of the new text to the client if the mode information indicates the second mode; and~~

~~transmitting a character string that represents the creation date of the new text to the client if the mode information indicates the third mode.~~

16-53. (Cancelled)

54. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 9, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

56-57. (Cancelled)

58. (New) The server according to claim 9, wherein said delivery information generation unit deletes one or more character strings from the new text, the one or more character strings being registered in the user information file.

59. (New) The method according to claim 13, further comprising the step of deleting one or more character strings from the new text, the one or more character strings being registered in the user information file.